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SUMMARY

The C-B Work Force

On July 15, 1980 451 persons were employed at the Cathedral Bluffs site. Most of these workers continue to live in Rifle and Meeker full time. The percentage of new residents to the communities has increased over the last year for most local communities. The majority of the workers either live in houses or apartments, although 60 percent of those living in apartments would prefer to live in houses. The median cost of owning a home was $400, median cost renting a house was $200, median cost of renting an apartment was $265, and median cost of living in a mobile home was $185.

Ninety percent of the work force were males. The median age remains at 29 years. Less than half of the employees are married living with their families. The average family size of all married workers was 3.4 persons.

The Communities

The effects of a recessionary period is evident in the downturn of construction activity. When compared to the first half of 1979 building permits issued dropped in Meeker and Rifle in 1980. The median sales price of homes in Meeker was $58,400 and $59,500 in Rifle.

From January to June 1980 reports of criminal acts increased 11.3 percent in Meeker and 29 percent in Rifle when compared to 1979.

Hospital admissions in Meeker increased 55 percent in Meeker, but decreased in Rifle when compared to admissions for the same period in 1979.

School enrollment in June 1980 increased from June 1979 to June 1980 both in Meeker and Rifle about eight percent.

The unemployment rate is increasing in both Rio Blanco and Garfield counties. Although the unemployment rate in Rio Blanco county is below the state rate, Garfield's unemployment rate remains higher than the state.

Commercial bank deposits have increased in Rifle, but decreased in Meeker since the first of the year. First quarter retail sales increased four percent in Meeker and 18 percent in Rifle over retail sales for the same period in 1979. Average individual adjusted gross income increased 11 percent in Garfield County and 14 percent in Rio Blanco County.

INTRODUCTION

This is the eighth monitoring report issued by the Cathedral Bluffs Shale Oil Company. The purpose of the report is to provide local communities with selected information on the C-B project work force, as well as data on changing socioeconomic conditions.

The work force data presented in this report reflects current conditions as of July 15, 1980. The information on the work force was collected through a questionnaire completed by employees when they started work at the Cathedral Bluffs site. Completed surveys are available from 86 percent of the current work force. The surveys were coded and analyzed through a computerized data base management system.

The socioeconomic data is collected from various community agencies in Rifle and Meeker. The data is tabulated whenever possible for the first half of 1980. Comparisons are made with data from previous years.

I. THE CATHEDRAL BLUFFS WORK FORCE

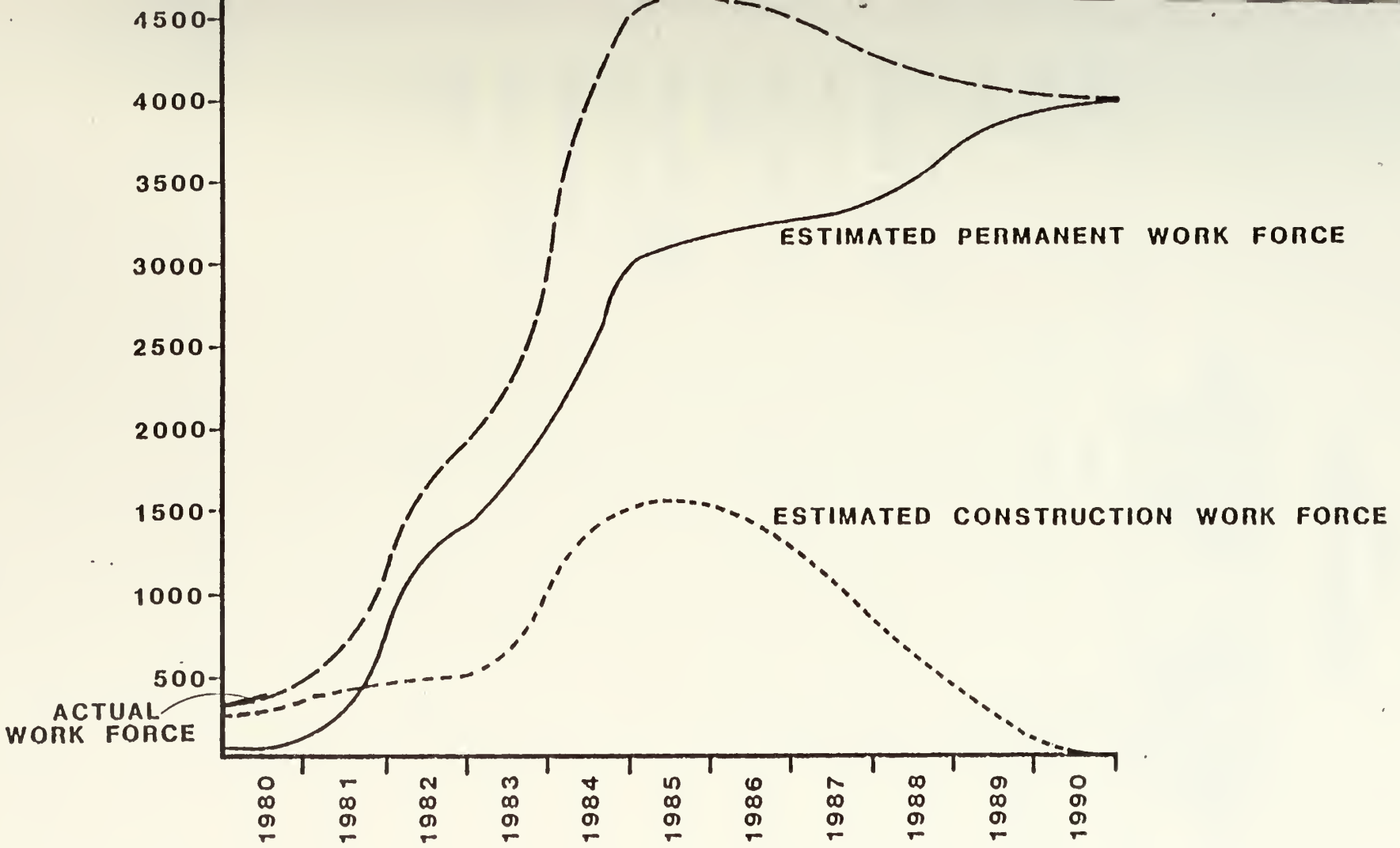
As of July 15, 1980 there were 451 persons employed at the Cathedral Bluffs site. The total work force increased by 65 employees since April, with a total increase of 145 for the year. The number of employees is about at the level projected for the year. A total of 110, or 24 percent, of the employees at the site are considered permanent, while the other 76 percent hold contract or temporary jobs at the site. Figure A reflects how the actual work force compares with the manpower projections.

A. Housing

1. Location

Rifle remains the community where most of the workers reside. The percentage of workers residing in Meeker and Silt has remained about the same. The percentage of workers residing in Glenwood Springs has increased about 2 percent. Table I shows the place of residence of all workers surveyed as of July 1980 and compares those figures with percentages from previous reports.

At least 90 percent of the workers residing in all the communities live there full time. The percentage of workers residing full time in Rifle increased 2 percent since the last monitoring report. The percentage of workers residing full time in Meeker decreased by 3 percent since April. Table II shows the percent of those surveyed who reside in each community full time or on week days only.



CATHEDRAL BLUFFS SHALE OIL PROJECT MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

End of Year	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Construction Manpower	290	340	450	500	1000	1500	1500	1250	800	400	100	0
Permanent/ Operation Manpower	50	100	750	1400	2000	3000	3100	3250	3450	3700	3900	4000
Total Manpower	340	440	1200	1900	3000	4500	4600	4500	4250	4100	4000	4000

TABLE I

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

	Percentage of Workers Surveyed Residing There July 1979 (N = 196)	Percentage of Workers Surveyed Residing There January 1980 (N = 256)	Percentage of Workers Surveyed Residing There July 1980 (N = 389)
Rifle	58	63	61
Meeker	12	11	12
Silt	7	5	6
Grand Junction Area	7	9	7
Glenwood Springs	1	1	3
New Castle	4	2	2
Parachute	3	2	2
Rangely	1	1	1
Other West Slope	1	1	1
Piceance Creek	0	1	0
Other Colorado	0	0	1
Outside Colorado	1	1	1
Unknown	5	3	3
Total	100	100	100

TABLE II

PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS RESIDING IN COMMUNITIES
FULL TIME OR WEEK DAYS ONLY
July 1980

Community	Percent Residing in Community Full Time	Percent Residing in Community Week Days Only	
Rifle	92	8	100%
Meeker	90	10	100%
Silt	96	4	100%
Grand Junction	100	0	100%
Total Work Force	92	8	100%

2. Length of Residence

The percentage of workers who have resided in their current home less than a year has increased in most communities since the last monitoring report, although the number of short-term residents decreased in Grand Junction and Parachute. Table III shows the percentage of employees in each community according to the length of their residence.

3. Type

In most communities there was no significant change in the percentage of workers living in the various types of housing. Although there was a 10 percent increase in workers who owned houses in Grand Junction since the last monitoring report the largest percentage of the workers in Rifle and Meeker live in apartments. Table IV lists, by community, the types of housing in which the work force lives.

4. Preference

When asked to state what type of residence they preferred living in the majority of the workers indicated single family housing. Table V shows the housing preferences for those workers who expressed a housing preference. These percentages have not changed significantly during the last year.

When the response to the question on housing preference is compared to actual types of housing in which workers live, those who live in single family housing and mobile homes are least likely to desire other types of housing. Most of those living in apartments, motels, recreational vehicles, and townhouses would prefer some other type of housing. These percentages have not changed significantly since

TABLE III

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

April and July 1980

Community	Percent of Short* Term Residents July 1979	Percent of Long** Term Residents July 1979	Percent of Short* Term Residents July 1980	Percent of Long** Term Residents July 1980
Rifle	56	44	62	38
Meeker	65	35	49	51
Silt	17	83	43	57
Grand Junction Area	50	50	29	71
Parachute	40	60	13	87
All Other Communities	56	44	33	67
Total Work Force	54	46	53	47

*Short term is defined as those residing in their current home less than one year.

**Long term is defined as those residing in their current home more than one year.

the last monitoring report. The April 1980 monitoring report incorrectly showed that 55 percent of the total work force preferred apartments. The correct figure should be 5 percent. Table VI shows this information in more detail.

TABLE IV

PERCENT OF WORK FORCE RESIDING FULL TIME
IN VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING
July 1980

Community	Own House	Rent House	Own Mobile Home	Rent Mobile Home	Apartment and Townhouse	RV	Motel
Rifle	18	15	12	6	36	5	8
Meeker	22	12	2	0	57	2	5
Silt	28	38	14	10	5	0	5
Parachute	43	29	14	0	14	0	0
Grand Junction	50	25	17	0	8	0	0
Total Work Force	23	18	12	7	32	3	5

5. Cost

The median cost of owning a home for the C-B workers has increased since Junuary 1980. The median monthly cost for workers who owned their own homes was $400; in Rifle the median cost was $450 and $365 in Meeker. The median cost for those who rented houses was $200 both in Rifle and Meeker. Table VII shows median cost for various types of housing in July.

TABLE V

PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS BY COMMUNITY
SHOWING HOUSING PREFERENCE
July 1980

Community	House	Mobile Home	Apartment
Rifle	74	10	16
Meeker	76	0	24
Silt	92	0	8
Parachute	100	0	0
Grand Junction	80	10	10
Total Work Force	77	8	15

TABLE VI

PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS LIVING IN VARIOUS
HOUSING TYPE AND DESIRING CHANGE
July 1980

Housing Type	Total Percentage Desiring Changes	Percentage Preferring Apartments	Percentage Preferring Houses	Percentage Preferring Mobile Homes
Apartment	65	*	60	5
House	5	4	*	1
Mobile Home	49	*	49	*
Motel	90	19	71	*
RV	78	21	43	14
Townhouse	85	8	77	*
Total	44	5	36	3

*Percentage is not shown here since numbers may indicate no preference, no response, or same type of housing preference.

TABLE VII

MEDIAN MONTHLY COST OF HOUSING TO THE C-B WORK FORCE
July 1980

Type	Median Cost Total Work Force July 1979	Median Cost Total Work Force July 1980	Median Cost Rifle July 1980	Meidan Cost Meeker July 1980
Own House	280	400	450	365
Rent House	225	200	200	200
Mobile Home	165	185	175	150
Apartment	250	265	265	275
RV	-	100	50	100
Townhouse	-	325	325	250

B. Age, Sex, Marital Status, and Family Size

1. Age

The median age of the work force has remained at 29 years. Median age of workers in Rifle was 28 and in Meeker it was 29.

2. Sex

Ninety percent of the current work force is male; 10 percent is female. This shows a 3 percent increase in the number of female employees since January 1980.

3. Marital Status

The marital status of the work force has continued to show that less than half of the work force are married workers living with their families. Table IX shows the percentage of workers by community according to marital status.

TABLE VIII

MEDIAN AGE BY COMMUNITY
July 1980

Community	Median Age
Rifle	28
Meeker	29
Silt	35
Grand Junction Area	30
Parachute	30
Total Work Force	29

TABLE IX

MARITAL STATUS OF WORK FORCE
July 1980

Community	Percent Married and Living With Family	Percent Married But Not Living With Family Full-Time	Percent Single
Rifle	45	20	35
Meeker	44	8	48
Silt	48	9	43
Grand Junction Area	57	4	11
Parachute	75	0	25
Total Work Force	47	16	37

4. Family Size

The average family size of all married workers in July 1980 was 3.4 persons. Table X shows the average family size of all married workers according to community.

TABLE X

AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE OF MARRIED WORKERS* BY COMMUNITY
July 1980

Community	Average Family Size
Rifle	3.3
Meeker	3.5
Silt	3.8
Grand Junction Area	3.6
Parachute	4.7
Total Work Force	3.4

*These figures include workers who do not have families living with them full time.

The 192 employees that are new to the communities (having lived there less than a year) brought with them a total of 43 preschool, 30 elementary, 5 junior high and 5 senior high children. Table XI indicates the number of children brought into local communities by workers who are short term residents.

TABLE XI

NUMBER OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN LIVING WITH NEW* FAMILIES
July 1980

Community	Preschool	Elementary	Junior	Senior
Rifle	34	19	2	3
Meeker	3	2	0	1
Silt	1	2	1	1
Grand Junction	2	5	0	0
Parachute	0	1	1	0
Total Work Force**	43	30	5	5

*New families are defined as those living in the local area less than one year.
**Total includes children living in communities not mentioned above.

Workers in Rifle, Meeker and Silt indicate they are planning on moving their families into the community in the near future. Employees in Rifle indicated they will move in seventeen preschool children, twenty-three elementary children, six junior high children and one senior high child. Data for other communities is presented in Table XII.

TABLE XII

NUMBER OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN PLANNING
TO MOVE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES
July 1980

Community	Preschool	Elementary	Junior	Senior
Rifle	17	23	6	1
Meeker	1	5	0	1
Silt	0	2	0	0
Grand Junction	0	0	0	0
Parachute	0	0	0	0
Total Work Force	18	30	6	2

C. Recreational Activities

Fishing, hunting, skiing, and camping continue to be the most popular recreational activities of the work force. Table XIII shows the percentage of workers who indicated a preference for the most popular recreation activities.

TABLE XIII

RECREATIONAL PREFERENCE OF WORKERS SURVEYED
July 1980

Activity	Percent Responding* of Total Work Force	Precent Responding* in Meeker	Percent Responding* in Rifle
Fishing	41	35	44
Hunting	34	25	36
Skiing	14	15	16
Camping	13	19	13
Swimming	6	10	5
Golf	5	12	5
Tennis	5	8	5
Horseback Riding	2	6	2
All Sports	8	10	11

*Percentage does not total to 100 due to multiple response.

II. THE COMMUNITIES

A. Housing

1. Meeker

A substantial number of subdivision lots continue to be available in Meeker for new home construction. Six new small subdivisions have been submitted for approval during the first half of 1980. Table XIV is a listing of subdivisions under development in Meeker with the number and type of lots available in each subdivision. Sanderson Hills is still the largest subdivision under development.

Housing sales during the first half of 1980 decreased significantly according to information provided by the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office. The median price of a new single family house was $58,400, while for an older home it was $53,800. Table XV compares median housing sales figures in Meeker for the first half of 1979 and 1980.

A total of 28 building permits were issued in Meeker with a total valuation of $494,837 for the first half of 1980. Only two of these permits were for single family residences. This is a drop from the six permits issued from January to June 1979.

Available rental housing continues to remain scarce. In a given week the Meeker Herald advertises an average of one or two apartments or homes for rent. Apartments recently rented in Meeker have ranged from $300 to $525 for a 3 bedroom apartment.

TABLE XIV

MEEKER SUBDIVISIONS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Development	General Location	Number and Type of Units
Sanderson Hills	N. Meeker	209 single family lots 140 duplex and four-plex lots Apartments, commercial, school and park land (27 units are completed and sold, 7 more units under construction and sold)
Foothills	N.W. Meeker	15 single family lots 3 four-plexes lots 1 six-plex lot
Sage Park	N.W. Meeker	15 single family lots (5 completed) 42 duplex units
Pinyon Park	N.W. Meeker	22 single family lots
White River Farms	N.E. Meeker	Preliminary plans have been submitted for this subdivision. Full scale development for this Planned Unit development would include 1,482 single-family homes, 1,048 town house 936 duplexes, 603 apartments and 819 mobile home pads. The developer would like to begin in Spring 1981 to develop mobile home park along with some apartments.
Purple Sage	N. 10 miles Strawberry Creek	3 single family lots
Mesa View II	S. of Meeker 1 mile	13 single family lots
Sage Hills	N. Meeker	111 single family lots
Warner Points I	E. of Meeker 10 miles up White River	Summer homes only on White River about 15 miles from Meeker 3 single family lots
Warner Points II	Same as Warner Points I	3 single family lots
River Bend	E. of Meeker Across from Warner Points	4 single family lots
El Escondido	N. of Meeker (Possibility of annexation)	8 single family lots

TABLE XV

HOUSING SALES IN MEEKER
1979-1980

	January-June 1979	July-December 1979	January-June 1980
Single-Family Housing (New)			
Number Sold	9	5	8
Median Sales Price	$50,200	$58,300	$58,400
Single-Family Housing (Older)			
Number Sold	37	39	27
Median Sales Price	$49,000	$50,000	$53,800
Total Single-Family Housing			
Number Sold	46	44	35
Median Sales Price	$49,100	$53,500	$58,400

2. Rifle

Currently many residential subdivisions in Rifle are proposed for development. Table XVI lists the subdivisions under development in Rifle and a description of the development status.

The Comprehensive Plan for Rifle is scheduled for completion in September.

During the first half of 1980 building permits declined 7 percent when compared to the first half of 1979. There was a significant increase in the number of building permits issued for townhouse units. Table XVII compares building permits issued from January through June for 1978, 1979 and 1980.

TABLE XVI

RIFLE SUBDIVISIONS

Development	General Location	Number and Type of Units	Status
Rifle Area			
Palomino Park	N. Rifle		
Phase I		30 Apartment Units	Completed
		29 Single Family Lots	Completed
Phase II		15 Single Family Lots	14 Completed
		70 Apartment Units	40 Completed
		20 Townhouses	4 Completed
Phase III		44 Single Family Lots	18 Completed
Phase IV		47 Single Family Lots	0 Completed
		20 Apartment Units	Plats withdrawn
Phase V		42 Apartment Units	Plats withdrawn
Highlands East	E. Rifle		
Phase I		37 Single Family Lots	Completed
		10 Apartment Units	Completed
Phase II		5 Single Family Lots	1 Completed
		4 Apartment Units	0 Completed
Phase III		16 Single Family Lots	60% Completed
Phase IV		36 Single Family Lots	30% Completed
		64 Apartment Units	
Phase V		60 Single Family Lots	10% Completed
Phase VI		77 Single Family Lots (Cluster Homes)	Final plat approved
Pase VII		65 Single Family Lots	Sketch plan submitted
Arabian Heights	N.E. Rifle		
Phase I & II		27 Single Family Lots	20% Completed
Phase III		187 Single Family Lots	Sketch plan approved
		31 Duplexes	Sketch plan approved

Development	General Location	Number and Type of Units	Status
Rifle Area (Continued)			
Kings Crown Mobile Home Subdivision	N.W. Rifle		
Phase I		103 Mobile Home Spaces	75 percent occupied
Phase II		189 Mobile Home Spaces	Approved but not yet under construction
Shadow Ridge	W. Rifle	27 Single Family Lots 10 Duplexes 46 Townhouses 20 Condominiums	Final plat stage
Cottonwood Meadows	W. Rifle	250 - 400 Units, mixed residential	Sketch plan lapsed
Rimrock	N. Rifle		
Phase I		288 Condominiums 240 Apartments 223 Single Family Lots 100 Multi-Family (Duplexes and Four-Plexes)	Sketch plan stage
Phase II		Revising initial concepts	No action
Mesa View Estates	S.W. Rifle		
Phase I		34 Single Family Lots	90% Completed
Phase II		10 Single Family Lots	Preliminary plat stage
Knollridge P.U.D.	N.W. Rifle	34 Single Family Lots 52 Duplexes 100 Townhouses 168 Multi-Family Apartments	Preliminary plat approved
North Meadows	N. Rifle	250 Multi-Family	Sketch plan approved
Rifle Heights	E. Rifle	100 Single Family	Sketch plan lapsed
Mahogany Additon	S. Rifle	48 Multi-Family Units	0 Completed
Trapper Hollow P.U.D.	W. Rifle	28 Condominium Units	0 Completed

Development	General Location	Number and Type of Units	Status
Rifle Area (Continued)			
Barnett P.U.D.	W. Rifle	20 Condominium Units	Final Plat approved
Carmack Mobile Home Subdivision	N. Rifle	300 Mobile Home Lots 40 Multi-Family Units	Sketch plat approved
Creek Meadows	N. Rifle	152 Multi-Family Units	Preliminary plat approved
Fairview Addition		20 Condominiums	Sketch plan approved
Jackson Heights (Senior Citizen and subsidized housing)	W. Rifle	8 Single Family Lots 25 Condominiums 16 Cluster Houses	Sketch plan approved

TABLE XVII

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN RIFLE

	Jan-Jun 1978	Jul-Dec 1978	Jan-Jun 1977	Jul-Dec 1979	Jan-Jun 1980
Single Family Homes	34	36	54	44	50
Town Houses	4	0	0	9	12
Seven-plex Units	0	0	0	0	1
Four-plex Units	4	9	1	5	2
Duplex Units	9	3	6	6	1
Commercial Buildings	*	*	*	*	4
Mobile Home Permits	*	*	*	*	68
Total Permits	*	*	*	*	188
Valuation	*	*	*	*	$5,493,615

*Data not available in previous reports

On the average 3-4 rental units were advertised each week in the Rifle Telegram. Rental rates for two and three bedroom houses ranged between $300 and $375. Apartments rented for $250-$375 per month. New town houses rented for $400-$440 per month.

During the first 6 months of 1980 44 homes were sold. This is a 69 percent increase over the number of homes sold during the same period of time last year. Twenty-nine of these were older homes, fifteen were new homes. The median sales price of all the homes sold was $59,500. The median sales price for new homes sold was

$69,900 and for older homes $55,000. The volume of home sales and the median sales price are shown in Table XVIII. These figures demonstrated a continued rapid increase in the price of housing in Rifle, especially newly constructed housing.

TABLE XVIII

HOUSING SALES IN RIFLE
January-June 1979, 1980

	January-June 1979	January-June 1980
Single Family Housing (New)		
Number Sold	15	15
Median Sales Price	$62,500	$69,900
Single-Family Housing (Older)		
Number Sold	11	29
Median Sales Price	$50,000	$55,000
Total Single Family Housing		
Number Sold	26	44
Median Sales Price	$58,000	$59,500

B. Law Enforcement and Fire Protection

1. Meeker

Through most of 1980 the Meeker Police Department has been shorthanded with only four officers for four months. Crime reports this year have increased 113 percent over reports for the first half of 1979. Fraud and distrubance show the greatest increase in reports. The category of disturbance includes reports of disorderly conduct littering, harrassment, and prowlers. Table XIX lists selected crimes reported in Meeker for the first half of 1979 and 1980.

TABLE XIX

MEEKER LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA
January-June 1979-1980

Selected Crimes Reported[1]	January-June 1979	January-June 1980	1979-1980[3] Percent Increase
Assault	6	4	(-33)
Burglary	9	7	(-22)
Theft	46	46	0
Vandalism	33	47	42
Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics/Drugs	2	4	100
DUI/DWI[2]	8	6	(-25)
Disturbance	18	73	305
Fraud	5	29	480
Runaway	4	6	50
Total Reports	155	330	113
Number of Officers	5	4 - Jan-April 5 - May-June	-

1 All crimes reported are not included in this report.

2 Driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated.

3 Calculated using a six month base.

Source: Meeker Police Department

Meeker volunteer fire department responded to 14 fire calls and 52 ambulance calls during the first half of 1980. This compares to 21 fire calls from January to June 1980. Currently there are 30 volunteer fireman, of which seven are ambulance drivers (EMT's). Meeker recently received a 250 GPM pumper truck and have received bids for a 1,000 GPM pumper truck for consideration.

2. Rifle

The number of crimes reported in Rifle for the first half of 1980 were up 29 percent over 1979 crimes reported. Crimes of theft, narcotics/drugs, vandalism increased the most. A breakdown of crimes reported in Rifle for January through June 1979 and 1980 are included in Table XX.

TABLE XX

RIFLE LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA
January - June 1979-1980

Selected Crimes Reported[1]	January-June 1979	January-June 1980	1979-1980[3] Percent Increase
Theft	97	117	21
Assault	7	5	(-28)
Narcotics/Drugs	1	4	300
DUI/DWI[2]	17	41	24
Fraud/Forgery	19	14	(-26)
Disorderly Conduct	37	35	5
Criminal Trespass	12	-	-
Vandalism	20	29	45
Family Disturbance	0	2	200
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	-	-
Runaways	8	7	13
Curfew Violation	3	-	-
Total Reports	352	455	29

1 All crimes reported are not included in this report.
2 Driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated.
3 Calculated using a six month base.

Source: Rifle Police Department

C. Hospitals and Health Care

1. Meeker

Between January and June 1980 total admissions to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital increased 55 percent over the admissions for the same time period in 1979. Emergency room visits increased 30 percent. Table XXI compares hospital data for the first half of 1979 and 1980.

Pioneer Hospital recently began an expansion program to increase the capacity of the emergency room and laboratory facilities. Completion of the project is scheduled for January 1980. Meeker still has three full-time physicians in practice.

2. Rifle

Clagett Memorial Hospital had a decrease in total admissions during the first half of 1980 when compared to 1979. There was a slight increase in the number of emergency room visits (Table XXII).

Currently Rifle has seven active physicians with the addition of an orthopedic surgeon.

D. School Data

1. Meeker

Total school enrollment increased about eight percent from June 1979 to June 1980. The junior high grades show the largest increase in

TABLE XXI

HOSPITAL DATA FOR RIFLE AND MEEKER

	CLAGETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
	January-June 1979	January-June 1980	January-June 1979	January-June 1980
Total Admissions	522	494	184	286
Total Emergency Room Visits	1,366	1,370	526	683
Average Daily Census	11.5	10.6	4.8	6.9
Average Occupancy	35.9	33.2	28.5%	40.8%
Total Newborn	41	36	28	27

enrollment (see Table XXII). Currently a core facility is being added to the senior high, with an auxiliary gymnasium, locker space and showers.

2. Rifle

Total enrollment in the Garfield County School District RE-2 increased about eight percent from June 1979 to June 1980. As the new school year starts in September 1980 there will be 107 teachers, twenty of these teachers are new to the district. Table XXIII presents enrollment figures over the past year.

TABLE XXII

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment	Capacity	June 1979	January 1980	June 1980
Rock School (grades 1-8)	40	25	26	26
Kindergarten		52	61	64
Grades 1-4	350	261	282	276
Grades 5-6	150	124	125	130
Grades 7-8	250	108	121	130
Senior High	450	283	243	238
Total	1,240	803	858	864
Staff Certified (FTE)		46.35	46.86	46.86

TABLE XXIII

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 ENROLLMENT

	Capacity	June 1979	January 1980	June 1980
Silt (K-6)	150	*	*	201
New Castle (K-8)	275	*	*	326
Esma Lewis (K-6)	450		*	608
Total Elementary	875	922	1,018	**
Rifle Junior High (7-8)	300			209
Senior High (9-12)	400			491
Total Secondary	700	802	809	**
Total Enrollment	1,575	1,704	1,827	1,835

*Enrollment not broken down by schools in previous reports.
**Total enrollment not given since New Castle school includes seventh and eighth grade.

E. Labor Force

In spite of increased employment opportunities due to energy development recessionary forces seem to have affected county employment. Data on employment and unemployment are only available at the county level. In both Rio Blanco County and Garfield County the unemployment rate is increasing when compared to last year's statistics. Table XXIV compares current labor forces statistics with previous years and months. The unemployment rate in Rio Blanco County is below the state's, while the unemployment rate in Garfield County is greater than the state rate.

TABLE XXIV

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

		Rio Blanco County		
Total Labor Force	3,095	3,010	3,211	3,352
Total Employment	3,047	2,961	3,137	3,244
Total Unemployment	48	49	74	108
Unemployment Rate	1.6	1.6	2.3	3.2
		Garfield County		
Total Labor Force	11,661	11,501	12,102	12,266
Total Employment	11,152	11,077	11,525	11,732
Total Unemployment	509	424	577	534
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.7	4.8	4.4
State Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.6

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

F. Economic Indicators

1. Commercial Banks

Commercial bank deposits have increased in Rifle, but decreased in Meeker since the first of the year. Table XXV shows deposits and loans.

A new industrial bank began operating in Rifle in February. Two business groups have submitted applications to the Colorado Banking Board to open a new commercial bank in Rifle. A joint hearing is scheduled for November to determine if the charter will be granted.

TABLE XXV

COMMERCIAL BANK DEPOSITS AND LOANS
1997 - 1980

	MEEKER	RIFLE
Total Deposits		
June 1980	$16,983,438	$21,759,000
December 1979	17,496,199	21,513,000
June 1979	16,352,000	17,056,000
December 1978	15,871,000	17,056,000
December 1977	14,512,000	14,142,000
Total Loans		
June 1980	$13,414,706	$15,542,000
December 1979	12,690,006	14,184,000
June 1979	13,040,000	13,230,000
December 1978	12,071,000	11,697,000
December 1977	9,746,000	9,201,000

Source: First National Bank of Rifle
First National Bank of Meeker

2. Retail Sales - Meeker

First quarter retail sales figures for 1980 show that Meeker has had an increase of 4 percent over retail sales for the same period in 1979. Retail sales from finance, real estate and insurance establishments increased the most dramatically. Eating and drinking business also increased substantially. Many other types of businesses showed decreases in retail sales (see Table XXVI).

3. Retail Sales - Rifle

First quarter retail sales for 1980 in Rifle for all industries show an 18 percent increase over first quarter sales in 1979. Although the categories of buiding material, finance, insurance and real estate, and contract construction all showed a decrease in retail sales. These decreases can be attributed to U.S. recessionary conditions and slow down of home building. Table XXVII presents retail sales figures for 1979 and first quarter sales 1979 and 1980.

4. Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis publishes statistics indicating per capita personal income by county. Personal income is the income of residents of an area from all sources. It is measured after deduction of personal contributions to old age, retirement and other social insurance programs, but before deduction of income and other personal taxes. The latest figures available are for 1978. Per capita income has been steadily increasing in Garfield and Rio Blanco counties. Table XXVIII shows per capita income for the five years for Garfield and Rio Blanco counties.

TABLE XXVI

FIRST QUARTER RETAIL SALES 1979-1980

MEEKER

Type of Business	1979 Yearly Total*	1st Quarter 1979*	1st Quarter 1980*	Percent Change from Quarter 1979-1980
Building Materials	1,401	354	185	(-48)
General Merchandise	754	149	179	20
Food Stores	3,191	584	744	27
Automotive	3,058	851	688	(-19)
Apparel and Accessory	72	17	15	(-12)
Furniture	464	124	76	(-39)
Eating and Drinking	668	76	158	108
Miscellaneous	1,974	410	284	(-30)
Total Retail Trade	11,582	2,565	2,329	(- 9)
Fin., Ins. & Real Estate	20	1	5	400
Hotels and Lodging	179	9	39	333
Other Services	718	153	168	10
Total Services	917	163	213	31
Wholesale Trade	1,212	7	195	
Agriculture	4	2	3	50
Mining	545	85	195	129
Contract Construction	476	80	83	4
Manufacturing	292	80	69	(-14)
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	1,072	280	309	10
Government	--	--	--	--
Nonclassifiable	--	--	--	--
Total Other Industries	3,062	533	855	60
Total All Industries**	16,101	3,262	3,398	4
% of County	31%	28%	23%	

*Figures in Thousands
**Totals may not add up due to rounding

Source: Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Research and Statistics

TABLE XXVII

FIRST QUARTER RETAIL SALES 1979-1980

RIFLE

Type of Business	1979 Yearly Total*	1st Quarter 1979*	1st Quarter 1980*	Percent Change from Quarter 1979-1980
Building Material	1,533	675	204	(-70)
General Merchandise	439	79	87	10
Food Stores	8,205	1,764	1,972	12
Automotive	5,800	1,294	1,698	31
Apparel and Accessory	427	69	85	23
Furniture	606	131	155	18
Eating and Drinking	1,811	398	450	13
Miscellaneous	4,091	1,046	835	(-20)
Total Retail Trade	22,912	5,458	5,486	1
Fin., Ins. & Real Estate	41	11	8	(-27)
Hotels and Lodging	401	33	88	166
Other Services	3,705	930	697	(-25)
Total Services	4,147	974	793	(-18)
Wholesale Trade	7,580	801	2,185	172
Agriculture	--	--	--	--
Mining	--	--	--	--
Contract Construction	415	100	82	(-18)
Manufacturing	350	7	41	485
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	1,746	464	623	34
Government	--	--	--	--
Nonclassifiable	--	--	--	--
Total Other Industries	10,091	1,372	2,931	114
Total All Industries**	37,150	7,804	9,210	18
% of County	17%	15%	17%	

*Figures in Thousands
**Totals may not add up due to rounding

Source: Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Research and Statistics

TABLE XXVIII

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

COUNTY	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Garfield	4,835	5,527	6,236	6,665	7,574
Rio Blanco	4,507	4,565	5,711	7,298	8,940

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

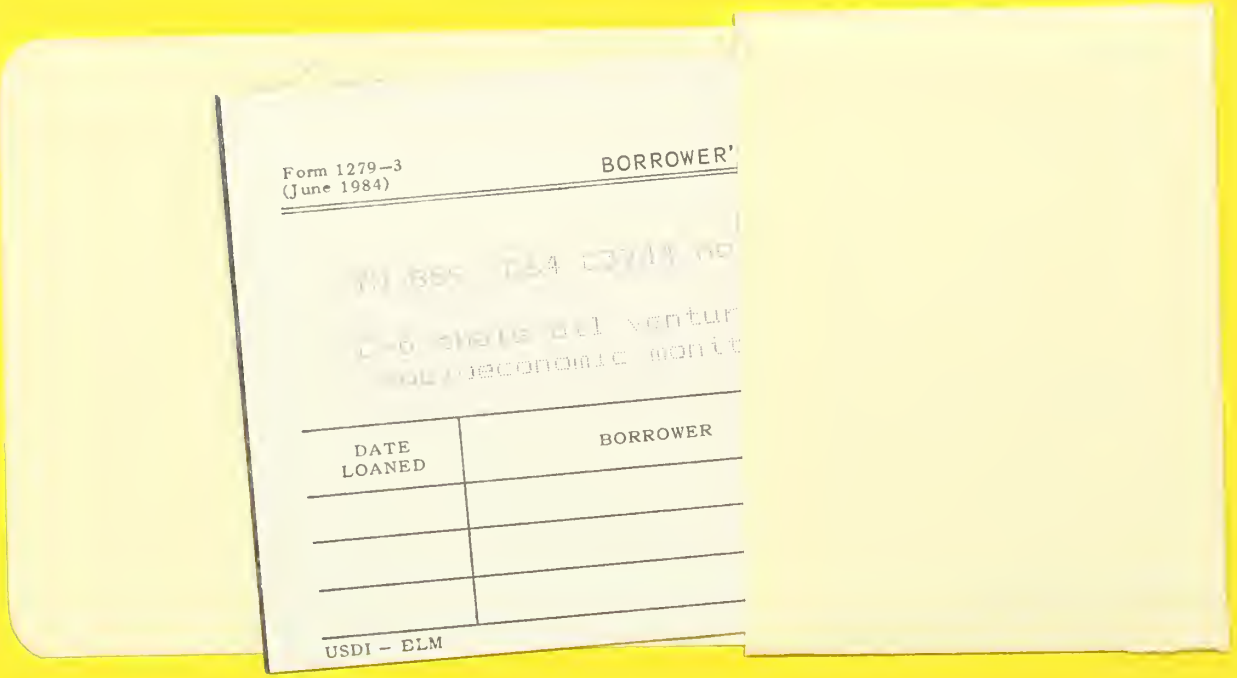
The Colorado Department of Revenue also publishes information on personal income from income tax returns. These figures are slightly higher than those produced by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (see Table XXIX), because of a different method of determining income. The Department of Revenue figures are determined by dividing the total income from income tax returns by the total number of returns. Whereas the BEA figures divide total income by population.

TABLE XXIX

AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1977, 78, 79

COUNTY	1977	1978	1979	Percent Increase 1978-1979
Garfield	$11,031.50	$12,194.97	$13,509.08	11%
Rio Blanco	11,062.66	12,249.62	13,915.89	14%

Source: Colorado Department of Revenue Annual Report



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